

Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana Committee/Task Force Minutes

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Committee/Task Force:	Child Ser	rvices Oversight Committee					
Date of Meeting: (MM/DD/YYYY)	5/29/19		Time:		1:00pm		
Minutes Prepared By:	Victoria Szczechowski		Location:		Indiana Statehouse, Rm. 404		
1. Meeting Objective(s)							
Welfare Policy and Practice Gr	oup's Asse		iscuss the Cl	hild Services (ng the recommendations of the Child Oversight Committee's assignment DCS to take in hiring attorneys.		
2. Standing Members							
Name		Organization			In Attendance (X indicates present)		
Rep. Wendy McNamara (Chair)		Indiana General Assembly			Х		
Jolene Bracale		Department of Education			X		
Leslie Dunn		Indiana CASA/GAL			X		
Hon. Dana Kenworthy		Monroe County Circuit Court					
Michael Moore		Indiana Public Defender Council			X		
Rep. Melanie Wright		Indiana General Assembly					
Sean McCrindle		Bashor Children's Home			X		
Sen. Mark Messmer		Indiana General Assembly			X		
Sen. Frank Mrvan		Indiana General Assembly					
Jim Oliver		Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council			X		
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3. Staff/Guests							
Name		Organization					
Terry Stigdon		DCS, Director					
Sarah Sailors		Deputy Director of Field Operations					
Will Young		DCS, Legislative Liaison					
Hon. Stephen Galvin		Monroe County Circuit Court (attending on behalf of Hon. Dana Kenworthy)					
4. Updates/Old Business		<u> </u>					
Topic	Main Points			Recommendations/Decisions			
Approval of minutes from	N/Δ			Minutes unanimously approved			

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5. New Business/Presentations									
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Progress Report on DCS Implementation of the CWG Assessment	To improve employee retention, DCS is pleadership development academies that in 2020. Additionally, cohort sizes for case managers have decreased to 25 or fewer regional trainings are being provided in 1 Jackson Counties rather than only in Indi The supervisor to case worker ratio is cut to 8.32, with the goal being 1 to 5. An organizational cultural shift to focus on srather than fear is also underway. The Foldowisory council has been meeting since DCS attorney caseloads are also going to no more than 60 cases per attorney, per recommendation of the Indiana Bar Asso Additionally, services for older youth have extended to age 23.								
DCS Data Report	Reports to the DCS hotline are stable, with 242,944 calls made in 2018. Calls are answered in less than 1 minute 91% of the time. Calls from law enforcement are answered within 14 seconds on average. At the end of April 2019, there were 19,094 active cases. 76% of the children were placed in out-of-home care. Case numbers overall are declining. Family Case Manager turnover has also shown a downward trend, with 2017's turnover rate at 31.1% and 2018's turnover rate at 25.3%.								



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Committee Discussion and Member Updates	provide training on provide training on provide training on programs in three control have one, including Joseph Counties have waiting for CASAs. Jolene Bracale, IDOI Program, established liaisons stationed realso trains staff on control including on human Michael Moore, IPD	Jolene Bracale, IDOE: DCS' Education Services Program, established in 2012, has 14 education liaisons stationed regionally across the state. IDOE also trains staff on child abuse and neglect, including on human trafficking. Michael Moore, IPDC: The Council is working with DCS to facilitate training programs on court						
6. Action Items (Include recommendations/queries for Executive Committee)								
Action				Responsib	ility	Due Date		
7. Adjournment								
Action						Time		
Chairwoman McNamara adjourned the meeting.						3:15pm		
8. Next Meeting								
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Topics/Objective(s):								